

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8177

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

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AMEMBASSY DUBLIN

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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, FR

SUBJECT: FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY DURING POHER INTERIM  
PRESIDENCY

WE EXPECT THAT FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY DURING POHER  
INTERIM PRESIDENCY WILL "MARK TIME," NEITHER WEAKENING  
ITS RECENT STANDS NOR LAUNCHING NEW INITIATIVES. SENIOR  
QUAI OFFICIAL CONFIRMED AS MUCH TO US APRIL 4, NOTING  
THAT LUXEMBOURG MINISTERIAL MEETING DEMONSTRATED  
MAGNITUDE OF IMPASSE WHICH EC HAS ENCOUNTERED. HE ADDED  
THAT PERIOD OF RELATIVE INACTION AND "COOLING OFF"  
WOULD BENEFIT INTERNAL EC SITUATION AS WELL AS US-EC  
ISSUES. HE CONCLUDED THAT FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY  
PROBABLY WOULD REMAIN IN "NEUTRAL GEAR" UNTIL NEW FRENCH  
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PRESIDENT HAS HAD TIME TO COME TO GRIPS WITH ISSUES

CONFRONTING FRANCE'S FOREIGN POLICY (E.G., PROBABLY NOT  
BEFORE JUNE). NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE GOF WILL BE  
ALERT TO ANY EVIDENCE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES ARE TRYING  
TO PROFIT FROM FRANCE'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION,  
AND WOULD REACT STRONGLY TO DEFEND FRENCH FOREIGN POLICY  
INTERESTS.  
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